GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1682
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GAUGE CONVERSION BETWEEN CHIKBALLAPUR AND KOLAR
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received representation for gauge conversion of missing link between Chikballapur and Kolar;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the amount required to complete the missing link; and

(d) the time by which the missing link is likely to be completed? therefor; and

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A survey for conversion of the narrow gauge rail line to broad gauge from Kolar to Chickballapur has been recently completed. As per the survey report the cost of coversion of the 87 km long line has been assessed as Rs.53.45 cr. with negative rate of return. Due to unremunerative nature of the line and constraint of resources, it has been found feasible to consider the proposal for the present.